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Preserving yesterday, enriching today,
inspiring tomorrow in our community.

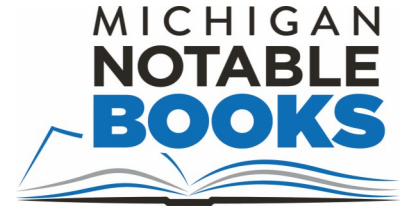
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2025 Michigan Notable Books

20 Books Celebrating Michigan People, Places, and Events



Titles Available at Benzonia Public Library:

Items with an * are also available via [Up North Digital-OverDrive](#) via the Libby app

- ***The Black Utopians: Searching for Paradise and the Promised Land in America*** by Aaron Robertson
- ***Funny Story: A Novel*** by Emily Henry*
- ***I Cheerfully Refuse: A Novel*** by Leif Enger *
- ***The Lady with the Dark Hair*** by Erin Bartels*
- ***The Lions Finally Roar: The Ford Family, the Detroit Lions, and the Road to Redemption in the NFL*** by Bill Morris
- ***True Gretch: What I've Learned About Life, Leadership, and Everything in Between*** by Gretchen Whitmer*
- ***The Waters: A Novel*** by Bonnie Jo Campbell*

To reserve items visit our [Library Catalog](#) or contact us at 231-882-4111 or benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com.

The following titles may be available via the MeL interlibrary loan system. Ask BPL staff if you need assistance.

- ***Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr.: Citizen Printer*** by Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr.
- ***A Cast Away in Montana*** by Tim Schulz
- ***Good Dress*** by Brittany Rogers
- ***Listening to Workers: Oral Histories of Metro Detroit Autoworkers in the 1950s*** by Daniel J. Clark
- ***The Luminous Life of Lucy Landry*** by Anna Rose Johnson*
- ***MC5: An Oral Biography of Rock's Most Revolutionary Band*** by Brad Tolinski, Jaan Uhelszki, and Ben Edmonds
- ***My Black Country: A Journey Through Country Music's Black Past, Present, and Future*** by Alice Randall
- ***Old Time Hawkey's Recipes from the Cedar Swamp: A Cookbook*** by Old Time Hawkey
- ***Sail, Steam, and Diesel: Moving Cargo on the Great Lakes*** by Eric Hirsimaki
- ***Searching for Van Gogh: A Novel*** by Donald Lystra
- ***We Live Here: Detroit Eviction Defense and the Battle for Housing*** by Jeffrey Wilson and Bambi Kramer
- ***What Can the Matter Be?*** by Keith Taylor
- ***When Detroit Played the Numbers: Gambling's History and Cultural Impact on the Motor City*** by Felicia B. George

To reserve MeL items visit [MeL.org](#) or contact us at 231-882-4111 or benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com.

BPL HOURS:

10am-6pm

Monday-Friday

10am-2pm

Saturday

Closed Sunday

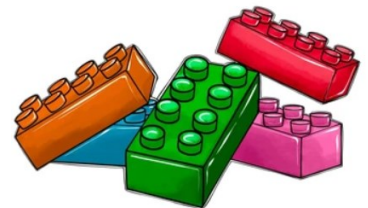
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LEGO SATURDAY IS RETURNING TO BPL!

Saturday, February 22nd

12:00-2:00

In the BPL CHILDREN'S ROOM



Bring your creativity and use our LEGO to create an awesome project during this event!

(LEGO are for use at this event & stay at library)

For information call 231-882-4111 or visit www.benzonialibrary.org

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Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

Fridays at 10:30am
Benzonia Public Library
Children's Room



Want to be informed of changes and receive Story Time information?
Sign up at www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl



Join Us for Fun Stories and Activities

Participants will receive a Story Time bag information and other goodies.

Time to socialize, make new friends, and hear great stories.

If Benzie Central Schools are closed due to weather, Story Time will be cancelled.

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Story Time Dates:

February 7
February 14
February 21
February 28



Come HANG WITH YOUR GNOMIES At BPL's Tween Club Hangout!

WHAT IS Tween Club Hangout?

A little bit of art, a little bit of science, a little bit of gaming, a little bit of snacking and A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!

A FREE program designed especially for our friends between the ages of 8 and 13, TCH will be a monthly event, featuring a different theme and fun collection of activities each time. The only thing that will not change is the FUN we will have!

February's theme will be **OUR FAVORITE THINGS** and we will create amazing art, try each other's favorite treats, and build marshmallow launchers to play "cupid" together!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th

1:00—2:30PM

**At Benzonia Public Library
Lower Level**



READY TO JOIN IN? SIGN UP NOW USING THE QR CODE OR IN THE LIBRARY

BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adult & Young Adult: What's New For You!

Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items at www.benzonialibrary.org



YA

After Life, Gayle Forman
Ariel Crashes a Train, Olivia A. Cole
Bingsu for Two, Sujin Witherspoon
Everything I Promised You, Katy Upperman
Everything Is Poison, Joy Mc Cullough
Where the Heart Should Be, Sarah Crossan
The Wilde Trials, Mackenzie Reed

YA—NON-FIC

A Greater Goal: The Epic Battle for Equal Pay in Women's Soccer and Beyond, Elizabeth Rusch

ADULT—FIC

Beautiful Ugly, Alice Feeney
The Big Empty, Robert Crais
Blob: A Love Story, Maggie Su
Confessions: A Novel, Catherine Airey
Definitely Better Now: A Novel, Ava Robinson
Eddie Winston Is Looking For Love: A Novel, Marianne Cronin
Elita: A Novel, Kirsten Sundberg Lunstrum
The Favorites: A Novel, Layne Fargo
Ghosts of Rome (Rome Escape Line Trilogy #2), Joseph O'Conner
The Granddaughter: A Novel, Bernhard Schlink
Grave Danger, James Grippando
Harlem Rhapsody, Victoria Christopher Murray
The Heart of Winter: A Novel, Jonathon Evison
I Cheerfully Refuse: A Novel, Leif Enger
More or Less Maddy: A Novel, Lisa Genova
Mothers and Sons: A Novel, Adam Haslett
The Perfect Home: A Novel, Daniel Kenitz
Playground: A Novel, Richard Powers

Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Vendetta, Robert Ludlum
Robert B. Parker's Buried Secrets, Christopher Farnsworth
Statistically Speaking: A Novel, Debbie Johnson
Tartufo, Kira Jane Buxton
To Save the Man: A Novel, Ava Robinson
The Unexpected Diva: A Novel, Tiffany L. Warren
We Are Watching: A Novel, Alison Gaylin
We Do Not Part: A Novel, Kang Han
What Happened to the McCrays?: A Novel, Tracey Lange
What the Light Touches: A Novel, Xavier Bosch

ADULT—NON-FIC

The Black Utopians: Searching for Paradise and the Promised land in America, Aaron Robertson
Briefly, Perfectly Human: Making an Authentic Life by Getting Real About the End, Alua Arthur
Cabin: Off the Grid Adventures with a Clueless Craftsman, Patrick Hutchison
Three Wild Dogs (and the Truth): A Memoir, Markus Zusak

ADULT—LARGE PRINT

City of Night Birds: A Novel, Juhea Kim
The Life of Herod the Great: A Novel, Zora Neale Hurston
Presumed Guilty, Scott Turow
The Stolen Queen, Fiona Davis

DVD

Joker: Folie A Deux (DVD)
Saturday Night (DVD)
We Live In Time (Blu-ray)



Youth: What's New For You!

JUVENILE

Grace the Amazing, Aleesah Darlison
The House on Yeet Street, Preston Norton
Radiant, Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
Sylvia Doe and the 100-Year Flood, Robert Beatty

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Fresh Start, Gale Galligan
Mendel the Mess-Up: A Graphic Novel, Terry LaBan
Paws: Hazel Has Her Hands Full – 4 (Paws #4), Nathan Fairbairn
Very: Bad At Math, Larson Hope

J NON-FICTION

Drawing Chibi Pets: Learn to draw Kawaii Companions, from Dogs, Cats and Hamsters to Lizards and Fish!, Oriol Voegele
The Every Body Book of Consent, Rachel E. Simon
First Encyclopedia of Our World, Felicity Brooks
First Encyclopedia of Science, Rachel Firth
First Encyclopedia of Seas & Oceans, Ben Denne
Grand Canyon, Jason Chin
Rube Goldberg's Big Book of Building: 24 Contraptions that Really Work!, Tori Cameron
What Do You Celebrate?: Holidays and Festivals Around the World, Whitney Stewart

You Are a Star, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dean Robbins

EARLY READER

Horses and Ponies, Anna Milbourne

EARLY READER SERIES

Lila Greer and the Shrieking Shadow – 7 (The Questioners #7), Andrea Beaty

PICTURE BOOKS

Astronaut Sisters, Julie Fortenberry
How to Sing a Song, Kwame Alexander
Mr. Sneeze, Roger Hargreaves
A Pocket Full of Rocks, Kristin Mary Mahoney
Some Of These Are Snails, Carter Higgins
Thank You, Everything, Emilie Icinori/Robert Wong
To See An Owl, Matthew Cordell
When Alexander Graced the Table, Alexander Smalls
Where's Bluey?: A Search and Find Book
Wilder Child, Nicolette Sowder

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Providing the little and not so little extras for the Library!

Meetings are usually held the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.
Next meeting is our Annual Meeting: February 6, 2024 at 4:30pm. Everyone welcome.

Corner Book Shoppe at BPL

Offering for sale a great selection of quality used books & jigsaw puzzles.



Purchases may be made in BPL during regular library hours. Proceeds benefit BPL.

The Friends of BPL accept donations, of Books & Jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) in excellent condition,

Donation criteria available at BPL & benzoniaconnect@gmail.com



For information about ACTIVITIES and EVENTS happening at the Mills visit their website at

www.millscommhouse.org

Library of Things at BPL

The Library of Things service supports lifelong learning and creativity. Adult cardholders can borrow practical hands-on items to learn new skills, explore areas of interest, or help with everyday tasks.

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